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1. On the morning of 14 June 1951, 13 boxcars were loaded with Soviet soldiers at the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) railroad station and coupled to the regular Falkenberg-bound freight train No 6616. The troops had either come from the Sachsendorf Kaserne or the Hermann Loens Kaserne.

2. It was learned that recruits had arrived at the Dissenchen Kaserne, which, until 20 June, had been occupied by only a rear detail. On 27 June, [REDACTED] groups of unarmed young recruits who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Little vehicular traffic was observed. Truck [REDACTED] occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and some with tank insignia; and truck [REDACTED] occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified.

3. One of the two damaged barracks buildings of the Hermann Loens Kaserne has been completely reconditioned. Intensive activity in the billeting area on 26 June indicated that the installation was occupied to capacity. Twenty-five officers up to and including captains, and four units of about 90 EM each were seen. Several high-ranking officers arrived in sedan [REDACTED] apparently for a surprise inspection. Truck [REDACTED] was identified.

4. Though the Sachsendorf Kaserne seemed to be virtually vacated on 20, 26 and 27 June, it was guarded by double sentries and patrols who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [REDACTED] was identified at the installation.

5. On 26 and 27 June, the Alvensleben Kaserne was apparently occupied beyond capacity by recruits. According to their appearance, about two-thirds of the troops seemed to come from the European part of the U.S.S.R. and one-third from the Asiatic part of the U.S.S.R. Only one truck was seen.

6. No activity was seen at the Funker Kaserne still.

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[REDACTED] Apart from indication of the replacement of discharges by recruits, the report agrees with previous information from Cottbus. The bulk of the 9th Mecz Div is at the Weisswasser troop training grounds. [REDACTED]

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